

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 739/2000**of 7 April 2000****amending Regulation (EC) No 2439/1999 on the conditions for the authorisation of additives belonging to the group 'binders, anti-caking agents and coagulants' in feedingstuffs****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 70/524/EEC of 23 November 1970 concerning additives in feedingstuffs ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2690/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 11 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2439/1999 of 17 November 1999 on the conditions for the authorisation of additives belonging to the group 'binders, anti-caking agents and coagulants' in feedingstuffs ⁽³⁾ establishes a provisional maximum limit of dioxins in kaolinitic clay and provides for an obligation to monitor the presence of dioxins in the other authorised additives, belonging to the group 'binders, anti-caking agents and coagulants'.
- (2) It is foreseen in the abovementioned Regulation to re-examine the provisions of this Regulation before 1 March 2000 in the light of any investigations carried out, of the results of the monitoring programme and of a complete risk assessment. The investigations and monitoring programme are still ongoing and a complete risk assessment is not yet available. It is therefore appropriate to prolong the measures, as laid down in Regulation No 2439/2000, until 15 October 2000.

- (3) Sufficient monitoring data on the presence of dioxins have been provided for natural mixtures of steatites and chlorites (E 560), sepiolite (E 562) and sepiolitic clay (E 563). These data, originating from different Member States and/or origins, indicate that these additives are not contaminated with dioxins or contain levels below the analytical limit of determination.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Feedingstuffs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 2439/1999 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The date of '1 March 2000' in Article 1 shall be replaced by '15 October 2000'.
2. The Annex is replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 29 February 2000.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 April 2000.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 270, 14.12.1970, p. 1.
⁽²⁾ OJ L 326, 18.12.1999, p. 33.
⁽³⁾ OJ L 297, 18.11.1999, p. 8.

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EC No	Additive	Chemical formula, description	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content mg/kg of complete feedstuff		Maximum content	Other provisions	Period of authorisation
					Minimum content	Maximum content			
Binders, anti-caking agents and coagulants									
E 330	Citric acid	$C_6H_8O_7$	All species or categories of animals	—	—	—	—	All feedstuffs. Compliance with the provisions of Article 16(1)(g)	Without a time limit
E 470	Sodium, potassium and calcium stearates	$C_{18}H_{35}O_2Na$ $C_{18}H_{35}O_2K$ $C_{36}H_{70}O_4Ca$ Maximum dioxin content: (†)	All species or categories of animals	—	—	—	—	All feedstuffs	Without a time limit
E 516	Calcium sulphate, dihydrate	$CaSO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$ Maximum dioxin content: (†)	All species or categories of animals	—	—	30 000	—	All feedstuffs	Without a time limit
E 551a	Silicic acid, precipitated and dried	— Maximum dioxin content: (†)	All species or categories of animals	—	—	—	—	All feedstuffs	Without a time limit
E 551b	Colloidal silica	— Maximum dioxin content: (†)	All species or categories of animals	—	—	—	—	All feedstuffs	Without a time limit
E 551c	Kieselgur (diatomaceous earth, purified)	— Maximum dioxin content: (†)	All species or categories of animals	—	—	—	—	All feedstuffs	Without a time limit
E 552	Calcium silicate, synthetic	— Maximum dioxin content: (†)	All species or categories of animals	—	—	—	—	All feedstuffs	Without a time limit
E 554	Sodium aluminosilicate, synthetic	— Maximum dioxin content: (†)	All species or categories of animals	—	—	—	—	All feedstuffs	Without a time limit

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					mg/kg of complete feedingstuff	mg/kg of complete feedingstuff			
E 558	Bentonite-montmorillonite	— Maximum dioxin content: (1)	All species or categories of animals	—	—	20 000	All feedingstuffs Mixing with additives from the "antibiotics", "growth promoters", "coccidiostats and other medical substances" groups is prohibited, except in the case of: monensin-sodium, narasin, lasalocid-sodium, flavophospholipol, salinomycin sodium, nicarbazin and robenidine Indication on the label of the specific name of the additive	Without a time limit	
E 559	Kaolinitic clays, free of asbestos	Naturally occurring mixtures of minerals containing at least 65 % complex hydrated aluminium silicates whose main constituent is kaolinite. Maximum dioxin content: 500 pg WHO-PCDD/F-TEQ/kg (2)	All species or categories of animals	—	—	—	All feedingstuffs	Without a time limit	
E 560	Natural mixtures of steatites and chlorite	Natural mixtures of steatite and chlorite, free of asbestos: minimum purity of the mixtures 85 %.	All species or categories of animals	—	—	—	All feedingstuffs	Without a time limit	
E 561	Vermiculite	Natural silicate of magnesium, aluminium and iron, expanded by heating, free of asbestos. Maximum fluorine content: 0,3 % Maximum dioxin content: (1)	All species or categories of animals	—	—	—	All feedingstuffs	Without a time limit	
E 562	Sepiolite	Hydrated magnesium silicate of sedimentary origin, containing at least 60 % sepiolite and maximum 30 % montmorillonite, free of asbestos	All species or categories of animals	—	—	20 000	All feedingstuffs	Without a time limit	

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					mg/kg of complete feedingstuff	mg/kg of complete feedingstuff			
E 563	Septolitic clay	Hydrated magnesium silicate of sedimentary origin, containing at least 40 % septolite and 25 % illite, free of asbestos.	All species or categories of animals	—	—	—	20 000	All feedingstuffs	Without a time limit
E 565	Lignosulphonates	— Maximum dioxin content: (1)	All species or categories of animals	—	—	—	—	All feedingstuffs	Without a time limit
E 566	Natrolite-phonolite	Natural mixture of aluminium silicates, alkalines and alkaline-earth and aluminium hydrosilicates, natrolite (43 to 46,5 %) and feldspar. Maximum dioxin content: (1)	All species or categories of animals	—	—	—	25 000	All feedingstuffs	Without a time limit
E 598	Synthetic calcium aluminates	Mixture of calcium aluminates containing between 35 and 51 % of Al_2O_3 . Maximum molybdenum content: 20 mg/kg Maximum dioxin content: (1)	Poultry	—	—	—	20 000	All feedingstuffs	Without a time limit
			Rabbits	—	—	—	20 000	All feedingstuffs	Without a time limit
			Pigs	—	—	—	20 000	All feedingstuffs	Without a time limit
			Dairy cows	—	—	—	8 000	All feedingstuffs	Without a time limit
			Cattle for fattening	—	—	—	8 000	All feedingstuffs	Without a time limit
			Calves	—	—	—	8 000	All feedingstuffs	Without a time limit
			Lambs	—	—	—	8 000	All feedingstuffs	Without a time limit
Kids	—	—	—	8 000	All feedingstuffs	Without a time limit			
E 599	Perlite	Natural silicate of sodium and aluminium, expanded by heating, free of asbestos. Maximum dioxin content: (1)	All species or categories of animals	—	—	—	—	All feedingstuffs	Without a time limit

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					mg/kg of complete feedingstuff				
3	Clinoptilolite of volcanic origin	Calcium hydrated aluminosilicate of volcanic origin containing a minimum of 85 % of clinoptilolite and a maximum of 15 % of feldspar, micas and clays free of fibres and quartz Maximum lead content: 80 mg/kg Maximum dioxin content: (1)	Pigs	—	—	20 000	All feedingstuffs	30.9.2000 (2)	
			Rabbits	—	—	20 000	All feedingstuffs	30.9.2000 (2)	
			Poultry	—	—	20 000	All feedingstuffs	30.9.2000 (2)	

(1) In the absence of the establishment, if required, of a specific maximum limit based on sufficient data on the presence of dioxins, the maximum limit of 500 pg WHO-PCDD/F-TEQ/kg will apply from 15 October 2000.

(2) The dioxin content is the sum of polychlorinated dibenzo-para-dioxins (PCDDs) and polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDFs) expressed in World Health Organisation (WHO) toxic equivalents, applying WHO TEFs (toxic equivalence factors, 1997).

The content must be expressed as upperbound, i.e. it is calculated assuming that all the values of the different congener elements below the limit of detection are equal to the limit of detection.

(3) First authorisation Commission Regulation (EC) No 1245/1999 (OJ L 150, 17.6.1999, p. 15).